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To: Chairman Wilborn Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Re: Proponent Testimony for House Bill 2459

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Good Morning Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 2459. I am addressing you on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association and the many Kansas prosecutors they represent. Kansas prosecutors continue to be interested in modifications to the Kansas law that serve to increase transparency in government processes, enhance the collection of data to enable more informed decision making, and provide a fair and just legal system for the citizens of Kansas. The KCDAА supports the recommended amendments to the Kansas Statutory Asset Forfeiture Act found in HB2549 as they contribute to good public policy for our state.

Specifically, we respect the deliberative efforts of the Judicial Council Committee who took time to address the concerns raised during last year's legislative session. This committee comprised primarily of Kansas public servants, like you, who come from diverse experience and viewpoints and worked conscientiously to improve Kansas asset forfeiture law. While this legislation may reflect some compromise it nevertheless, clearly steps up legal protections for property owners and pro se litigants, clarifies the accounting and appropriate use of forfeiture proceeds, and provides judicial review in the initiation of forfeiture action by affidavit.

Therefore, we urge passage of HB2459 in its current form.

Respectfully submitted,

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